(e) what are the details of provisions under the existing order to check profiteering on the trade of imported bulk drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 347 and 166 bulk drugs respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Para 6 of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 was found to be impracticable in operation. Indigenous production will be boosted by making use of tariff mechanism.

Deletion of Paragraph 7(2) of DPCO 1979

2349. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have deleted Paragraph 7(2) of the Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 from the 1987 Drugs Price Control Order;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that with the deletion of this provision the drugs companies can legally retain the difference of price at which bulk drug are obtained and that charged from the consumer; and

(c) if so, how such an action can safeguard the consumer's interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Consumer interest will be safe-guarded by revising prices of scheduled formulations with changes in the price of bulk drugs.

Fixation of Formulation prices

2350. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to fix the prices of formulations on weighted average price in case of different cost of production of the same drug;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that DPCO 1987 does not contain any provision with respect to the difference between the prices of bulk drug producers and the weighted average price; and

(c) if so, how the weighted average price will be fixed under higher or lower prices of different producers than the weighted average price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The question of fixation of weighted average price is relevant only if prices for different producers are different. There is no need to fix the weighted average price if the price fixed for different producers of a bulk drug is one and the same.

Price rise of Category II drugs

2351. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 40 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th November, 1987 and state:

(a) the names of Category II formulations whose prices will go up along with percentage increase in each case;

(b) what was the rate of MAPE provided under the Drugs Price Control Order, 1987 and what is the present MAPE on each drug;

(c) whether higher rate of MAPE has been allowed on the basis of any study; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The details can

be known only after the prices of concerned formulations have been fixed/revised as per provisions of DPCO, 1987, wherever necessary.

(b) to (d) DPCO, 1987 is based on the measures announced by the Government in December, 1986, details of which are contained in the booklet "Measures for Rationalisation, Quality Control and Growth of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry in India" copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

Exclusion from price control of Intestopan, etc.

2352. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 237 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the main criteria for exclusion of drugs from price control as laid down by the Kelkar Committee were:

(i) turn-over of less than rupees fifty lakhs during 1986 and

(ii) that the production structure should be competitive and not in a monopoly position;

(b) if so, how the drugs have been excluded from price control without working out the turn-over of drugs during 1986;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Intestopan, Pancretine, Glipizide, Oxyfedrine Hcl., Isoxsuprine Hcl., Nondrolone Decanoate Nandrolons Phonyl Propionate have been recommended for price decontrol by the Kelkar Committee based on the set criteria;

(d) if so, on what specific criterion each drug was recommended for exclusion from price control; and

(e) what was the sales turnover of each during 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (e) The Kelkar Committee considered the recent WHO list of essential drugs and another 166 drugs listed in Annexure III of the Committee's report for possible inclusion in Category II list and adopted the following criteria for exclusion from Category II List:

(i) Exclude those drugs which are not produced in India, provided that the consumption is not significant either now or in the near future.

(ii) To exclude those drugs the turn over of which has been less than rupees fifty lakhs in 1986.

(iii) To exclude all new drugs for which process of manufacture were developed indigenously from the price control list at least for the First 5 years.

(iv) To exclude those life-saving drugs and pharmaceutical products whose availability is far more important than the price. As the nature of demand is such that it is required less frequently but its non-availability is fatal. The notable examples of such categories are sera and vaccines.

(v) Exclude those pharmaceutical products of drugs where the domestic production structure is so competitive that there is little possibility that the consumers will be over-charged compared to the cost of production.

On the basis of the above criteria the Committee recommended drugs to be included in Category II.

Time Schedule for meter reading by DESU

2353. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints have recently been received from the residents of Vasant Vihar Government Colony, New Delhi alleging wrong/fictitious electricity bills issued by the DESU;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take against the officials responsible therefor;

(c) what steps are being taken to revamp the working of the DESU;